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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 4387

ATTENTION: SCI/AE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFER TO SELL ENRICHED URANIUM

1. EMBASSY AIR POUCHED OCTOBER 19 SECOND SMALL SAMPLE OF SUBSTANCE ALLEGED TO BE ENRICHED URANIUM, WHICH WAS OFFERED FOR SALE TO EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 18 BY INDIVIDUAL WHO GAVE NAME AS KRISHNA TAMANG. SAMPLE WRAPPED IN SEVERAL PLASTIC BAGS. POUCH NUMBER IS B3-3012; REGISTRY NUMBER 1053889; INVOICE NUMBER A-119.

2. AS FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN, TAMANG HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THAKUR WHO MADE OFFER REPORTED REFTEL B. TAMANG DID NOT APPEAR TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT SUBSTANCE HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO SELL, OTHER THAN IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS PARTNER WHO WAS INDIAN, AND WHO HAD OBTAINED IT IN INDIA. TAMANG SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY TEN KILOS PER MONTH OF SUBSTANCE AT PRICE OF \$5,000 PER KILO. TAMANG WAS HIGHLY NERVOUS DURING DISCUSSION, AND SAID THAT HE HAD TO SELL HIS URANIUM WITHIN TWO WEEKS, OR LOSE HIS CHANCE
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TO MAKE A LOT OF MONEY.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER ACCEPTED TAMANG'S OFFER TO TAKE SMALL SAMPLE FOR TESTING, EMPHASIZING THAT THIS REPRESENTED NO COMMITMENT ON OUR PART. TAMANG AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE SUEFUL SERVICE FOR HIM, AS HE WOULD THEN KNOW HOW MUCH HE COULD REALLY CHARGE FOR HIS URANIUM. AT THIS POINT, HE REFERRED ELIPTICALLY TO OTHER CUSTOMERS WHO HAD TRIED HIS PRODUCT, AND WHO HE SAID WERE HIGHLY SATISFIED.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM TAMANG, BOTH ABOUT HIMSELF, AND HIS URANIUM ACTIVITIES, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO EMBASSY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO SEE IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION RESULTING FROM TESTING OF THE SAMPLE.

5. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT TAMANG REPRESENTS NO BETTER SOURCE OF URANIUM THAN THAKUR, BUT ARE FORWARDING SAMPLE ROUTINELY FOR DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS.
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